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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 6, 2006, with respect to the Restriction Requirement Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

The Restriction Requirement of March 6, 2006 restricted the claims into two groups. Group I encompasses claims 1 through 21. Group II encompasses claim 22. Applicants would like to elect the invention of group I, claims 1 through 21.

This election is made with traverse. Specifically, Applicants believe that claim 1 is a generic linking claim which encompasses the limitations of claim 22. Specifically, claim 22 can not be practiced without necessarily practicing the function of claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Should additional information be required, the Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicant of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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